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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 548
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the 2003 winners of the Davis Brothers Black History Challenge.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and congratulate those students who, through their commitment to academic excellence and cultural awareness, have earned a place among Tennessee's academic elite; and

WHEREAS, James Davis, Mattie Jones, Helen Williams, Rhodis Thompson, Janae' Henry, Candice Rogers, Tara Robinson, Alan Michael Pope, Dai-John-nae' Williams, and Anna Butler are fine examples of Tennessee's youth, having earned a spot on this year's Davis Brothers Black History Challenge Winners' Tour; and

WHEREAS, the Challenge is an annual trivia competition for Memphis and Shelby County students in grades five through nine; and

WHEREAS, aided by their teachers, students are encouraged to learn African-American history and current events before engaging in a series of competitions; and

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WHEREAS, although faculty members are available to assist the competitors, responsibility largely falls upon the students to undertake the learning process if they wish to advance in the Davis Brothers Challenge; and

WHEREAS, named for its founders, James and Jaye Michael Davis, the Challenge has been hosted by WDIA-AM 1070, *The Goodwill Station*, since 1996; and

WHEREAS, the winners of the contest enjoy an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., and to Nashville, Tennessee, where they will serve as pages during a legislative session and meet with members of the General Assembly, a State Supreme Court Justice, and the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the winners of the Davis Brothers Black History Challenge are a testament to the fine quality of education that Tennessee's youth receive, and are a shining example of the benefits of hard work and diligent study habits; and

WHEREAS, their success in the Davis Brothers Black History Challenge certainly bodes well for their future academic success; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause and pay tribute to the fine young men and women who are the members of the 2003 Davis Brothers Black History Challenge Winners' Tour; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the members of the 2003 Davis Brothers Black History Challenge Winners' Tour, James Davis, Mattie Jones, Helen Williams, Rhodis Thompson, Janae' Henry, Candice Rogers, Tara Robinson, Alan Michael Pope, Dai-John-nae' Williams, and Anna Butler, salute their commitment to academic excellence, and wish them the best in their every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

